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VIA ELECTRONIC MAIL AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL SERVICE

The Honorable Charles L.A. Terreni Chief Clerk South Carolina Public Service Commission Post Office Drawer 11649

Columbia, South Carolina 29211

RE: Joint Petition for Arbitration of NewSouth Communications, Corp., NuVox

Communications, Inc., and Xspedius [Affiliates] of an Interconnection Agreement with BellSouth Telecommunications, Inc. Pursuant to Section 252(b) of the

Communications Act of 1934, as Amended

Docket No. 2005-57-C, Our File No. 803-10208

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On behalf of NewSouth Communications Corp., NuVox Communications, Inc., and the Xspedius [Affiliates] ("Joint Petitioners") I hereby request that the Commission modify its ruling in Order No. 2005-409 to extend the deadline by which parties in this Docket must submit post-hearing briefs and/or proposed orders.

Order No. 2005-409 provides that "all parties shall have 30 days following the date on which the Hearing Officer rules on BellSouth's Motion to Strike to file Post-Hearing Briefs and/or Proposed Orders in this Docket." The Hearing Officer issued Order No. 2005-387 (the "Hearing Officer's Order) on July 20, 2005. Accordingly, Commission Order No. 2005-409 would require these documents to be filed on or before August 19, 2005.

However, the Hearing Officer's Order provides that both Joint Petitioners and BellSouth may file additional testimony and objections thereto (Hearing Officer's Order at Page 5). Accordingly, the Joint Petitioners request that the deadline for post-hearing briefs and/or Proposed Orders be suspended due to the fact that the record in this arbitration is not yet finalized. I am informed and believe that BellSouth does not object to this request.

By copy of this letter, I am serving all parties of record in this proceeding and enclose my certificate of service to that effect. Please acknowledge your receipt of this document by file-stamping the copy of this letter enclosed, and returning it in the enclosed envelone.

With kind regards, I am

Very truly yours.

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Office of Regulatory Staff cc: all parties of record

BEFORE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION DOCKET NO. 2005-57-C

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE	
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This is to certify that I have caused to be served this day, one (1) copy of the **August 9, 2005 Letter to Charles L.A. Terreni** by placing a copy of same in the care and custody of the United States Postal Service with proper first-class postage affixed hereto (and by electronic mail service), and addressed as follows:

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